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1. MILITARY EQUIPMENT: SEC GEN PRESIDENCY EBOUA AND I MET AUG. 25
AND WENT OVER MILITARY EQUIPMENT LIST TRANSMITTED REFTEL D IN DETAIL.

COMMENTS CONTAINED REFTELS A AND B STRESSED. EBOUA UNDERSTOOD
PROBLEM AND PROMISED TO HAVE DETAILED JUSTIFICATION BY EARLY
NEXT WEEK. HOWEVER, IRRESPECTIVE DETAILED JUSTIFICATION BASIS
MEETING SECURITY NEEDS, HE SAID THERE POLITICAL JUSTIFICATION:
A) CUBA HAD TRANSFERRED 3,000 TROOPS FROM ANGOLA TO CONGO (B),
B) RUSSIAN PLANES ARE FLYING ROUTES TO NDJAMENA, MALABO,
BANGUI AND BRAZZAVILLE AND GURC HAD NO IDEA WHAT SORT OF
ADVISORS AND CARGO BEING MADE AVAILABLE THESE OVERNMENTS AND
C) EVER SINCE OVERTHROW GOWON REGIME, GURC HAD BEEN
UNCERTAIN MOTIVES AND INTENTIONS NIGERIA.

2. WATTS: I THEN BROUGHT UP MATTER OF WATTS AND PASSED HIM
ENGLISH AND FRENCH DESCRIPTIONS ATTACHED SALAZAR 7/3 OI.
EBOUA WAS INFORMED THAT TWO MATTERS SHOULD BE TREATED SEPARATELY
AND FAVORABLE RESPONSE WATTS REQUEST WOULD NOT NECESSARILY
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GUARANTEE OUR FAVORABLE RESPONSE THEIR REQUEST MILITARY

ASSISTANCE, WHICH FACED FORMIDABLE ODDS GIVEN OUR
WORLD WIDE REQUESTS AND COMMITMENTS. WATTS REQUEST PITCHED TO
OUR REALIZATION ON BASIS OF SECRETARY'S INITIATIVES LUSAKA,
NAIROBI AND MORE RECENTLY BOSTON SPECHES, THAT OUR DIPLOMATIC
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM NOT ADEQUATE CARRY INCREASED
TRAFFIC GENERATED BY OUR ATTEMPTS FIND PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS
SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND RESPONDING TIMELY MANNER OUR
INCREASING EMPHASIS ATTEMPTS BE MORE HELPUFL OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS
FRIENDLY COUNTRIES LIKE CAMEROON. I SAID THAT I HAD BEEN ASKED
MAKE REQUEST OF CAMEROON BECAUSE IT WAS CONSIDERED BY WASHINGTON
AS MOST STABLE, SECURE AND FRIENDLY COUNTRY IN REGION. MATTER
WAS OF SOME URGENCY AS WE NEEDED OVERCOME OUR DEFICIENCIES ASAP
IN ORDER MORE
EFFECTIVELY CARRY OUT SECRETARY'S INITIATIVES. EBOUA ASKED IF
THIS WAS INFORMAL OR FORMAL REQUEST. WHEN I SAID FORMAL, HE
REQUESTED IT BE PUT IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND DELIVERED FOREIGN
MINISTRY. WHEN ASKED IF COPY SHOULD BE SENT TO HIM, HE
SAID NOT NECESSARY AS IT WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE REFERRED HIS
OFFICE.

ACTION REQUESTED: IN ORDER ATTEMPT OVERCOME
TURGID PROCESSING FOREIGN MINISTRY AND STRESS URGENCY TO KEEP
UP MOMENTUM, UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, I INTEND SEND
DIPLOMATIC NOTE EMBODYING POINTS LATTER PART PARA 2 ABOVE
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